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10/817,329	04/02/2004	Gary M. Saxton	SNX-0039

CONFIRMATION NO. 1143

FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 06/21/2004

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$1244** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$2144** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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01 FC:1001	770.00 OP
02 FC:1051	130.00 OP
03 FC:1201	344.00 OP
04 FC:1202	900.00 OP

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$1244**

- **\$344** for **4** independent claims over 3.
- **\$900** for **50** total claims over 20.

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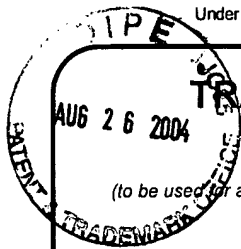


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	Filing Date	4/2/2004	
	First Named Inventor	Gary M. Saxton	
	Art Unit	unassigned	
	Examiner Name	unassigned	
		Attorney Docket Number	SNX-0039

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

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Firm or Individual name	David B. Ritchie, reg. no. 31,562
Signature	
Date	8/23/2004

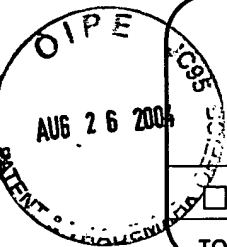
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 2144

Complete If Known

Application Number	10/817,329
Filing Date	April 2, 2004
First Named Inventor	Gary M. Saxton
Examiner Name	unassigned
Art Unit	unassigned
Attorney Docket No.	SNX-0039

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money ☐ Other ☐ None
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Name Thelen Reid & Priest LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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☒ Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	770
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)					(\$ 770)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	70	-20 **	=	Extra Claims	50	X	Fee from below	18	=	Fee Paid	900
Independent Claims	7	-3 **	=	4	X	86	=	344			
Multiple Dependent				X			=	0			

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)					(\$ 1244

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	130
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 130

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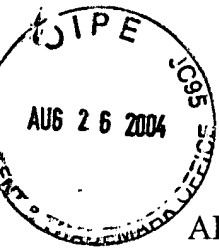
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Signature		Date	8/23/2004		

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APPLICANT: Gary M. Saxton
SERIAL NO.: 10/817,329
FILING DATE: April 2, 2004
TITLE: Balloon-Expandable Hearing Device Fitting System and Self-Expanding Hearing Device
EXAMINER: unassigned
ART UNIT: unassigned

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated June 21, 2004, please find the following:

1. Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventors;
2. Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$ 2,144.00 for the filing fee and surcharge for assignee as a large entity calculated as follows:

Basic filing fee	\$ 770.00
4 additional independent claim(s)	\$ 344.00
50 additional claims in excess of twenty	\$ 900.00
<u>Surcharge</u>	<u>\$ 130.00</u>
Total	\$ 2,144.00

4. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1698. A duplicate of this transmittal page is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: August 23, 2004

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